

CLAIM AMENDMENTS:

Please cancel Claims 17-24, amend Claims 1, 4, 9, 10, 15 and 16, and add new Claims 25 and 26 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A storage device comprising a cartridge having a storage medium, and having a holder portion in which said cartridge is detachably loaded, said holder portion being capable of being loaded with a plurality of types of cartridges having different lengths in an inserting/removing direction, wherein

said holder portion includes:

a locking portion which is disposed at a first distance in the inserting/removing direction of said cartridge from an insertion port of said cartridge, and releasably locks said cartridge, and

a positioning member which is provided to be movable in the inserting/removing direction of said cartridge, and determines a leading end position in an inserting direction of said cartridge, [[and]]

said cartridge includes

[[an]] a first engaging portion which is disposed at a second distance in the inserting/removing direction of said cartridge from a trailing end in the inserting direction of said cartridge, and engages with said locking portion, wherein the second distance [[being]] is common among said plurality of types of cartridges, and

said plurality of types of cartridges includes a first cartridge that has a second engaging portion which is disposed at a third distance in the inserting/removing direction from a leading end in the inserting direction, and engages with a locking portion of a second storage device different from said storage device.

2. (Original) The storage device according to Claim 1, wherein the first and second distances are substantially the same.

3. (Original) The storage device according to Claim 1, further comprising an elastic member which constantly biases said positioning member toward the insertion port of said cartridge.

4. (Currently Amended) A storage device comprising a cartridge having a storage medium and a holder portion in which said cartridge is detachably loaded, said holder portion being capable of being loaded with a plurality of types of cartridges having different lengths in an inserting/removing direction, wherein

said holder portion includes

a positioning member which determines a leading end position in an inserting direction of said cartridge, and

a locking portion which is disposed at a first distance in the inserting/removing direction of said cartridge from said positioning member, and releasably locks said cartridge, [[and]]

said cartridge includes

[[an]] a first engaging portion which is disposed at a second distance in the inserting/removing direction of said cartridge from a leading end in the inserting direction of said cartridge, and engages with said locking portion, wherein the second distance [[being]] is common among said plurality of types of cartridges, and

said plurality of types of cartridges includes a first cartridge that has a second engaging portion which is disposed at a third distance in the inserting/removing direction from a trailing end in the inserting direction, and engages with a locking portion of a second storage device different from said storage device.

5. (Original) The storage device according to Claim 1, wherein

said cartridge includes a first electrical connecting portion at said leading end portion in the inserting direction thereof, and

said holder portion has a second electrical connecting portion which is arranged at said positioning member and is connected to said first electrical connecting portion.

6. (Original) The storage device according to Claim 4, wherein

said cartridge includes a first electrical connecting portion at said leading end portion in the inserting direction thereof, and

said holder portion has a second electrical connecting portion which is arranged at said positioning member and is connected to said first electrical connecting portion.

7. (Original) The storage device according to Claim 1, wherein
said cartridge has a guide groove extending in the
inserting/removing direction thereof, and
said holder portion has a guide piece which engages with the guide
groove.

8. (Original) The storage device according to Claim 4, wherein
said cartridge has a guide groove extending in the
inserting/removing direction thereof, and
said holder portion has a guide piece which engages with the guide
groove.

9. (Currently Amended) The storage device according to Claim 7, wherein
said first and second engaging portions ~~[[is a]]~~ are ~~grooves~~ intersecting the guide groove.

10. (Currently Amended) The storage device according to Claim 8,
wherein said first and second engaging portions ~~[[is a]]~~ are ~~grooves~~ intersecting the guide
groove.

11. (Original) The storage device according to Claim 1, wherein the storage device is an external storage device for a computer.

12. (Original) The storage device according to claim 4, wherein the storage device is an external storage device for a computer.

13. (Original) The storage device according to claim 1, wherein the storage device is a storage device incorporated in a computer.

14. (Original) The storage device according to claim 4, wherein the storage device is a storage device incorporated in a computer.

15. (Currently Amended) A cartridge which is detachably loaded in a holder portion in a storage device outside a computer or a storage device incorporated in a computer and has a storage medium, comprising

a connecting portion being electrically connected to said storage device,

[[an]] a first engaging portion which engages with a locking portion provided to said holder portion to releasably lock said cartridge, and is arranged at a predetermined first distance in an inserting/removing direction from an end of said cartridge,

the predetermined first distance being set common for another cartridge which is detachably loaded in said holder portion and has a length different from that of said cartridge in the inserting/removing direction, and

a second engaging portion which engages with a locking portion provided to a second holder portion different from said holder portion and is arranged at a second distance in the inserting/removing direction from another end of said cartridge.

16. (Currently Amended) A cartridge manufacturing method of manufacturing a plurality of cartridges which are detachably loaded in a holder portion for a storage device outside a computer or a storage device incorporated in a computer and have a storage media, the cartridges having different lengths in an inserting/removing direction, comprising

providing [[an]] a first engaging portion at a predetermined first distance in the inserting/removing direction from an end of the cartridge, the first engaging portion engaging with a locking portion provided to the holder portion to releasably lock the cartridge, [[and]]

providing a second engaging portion at a second distance in the inserting/removing direction from another end of the cartridge, the second engaging portion engaging with a locking portion provided to a second holder portion different from said holder portion to releasably lock the cartridge, and the second engaging portion provided with a part of the plurality of cartridges, and

setting the ~~predetermined~~ first distance common among the plurality of types of cartridges.

17.-25. (Cancelled)

26. (New) The storage device according to Claim 1, wherein said plurality of types of cartridges include a second cartridge, and

said first engaging portion of said second cartridge is disposed at the third distance in the inserting/removing direction of said cartridge from a leading end in the inserting direction.

27. (New) The storage device according to Claim 4, wherein said plurality of types of cartridges include a second cartridge, and

said first engaging portion of said second cartridge is disposed at the third distance in the inserting/removing direction of said cartridge from a trailing end in the inserting direction.